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COMPOSITIONS COMPRISING AT LEAST ONE HYALURONIC ACID DERIVATIVE, CHONDROGENIC CELL FOR TREATMENT

OF CARTILAGE DEFECTS

LETTER

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Sir:

Under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 119 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.55(a), the applicant(s) hereby claim(s) the right of priority based on the following application(s):

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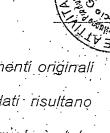
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